SHAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Udayagiri Caves in District Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh are in a good state of preservation.

No new cracks have appeared recently other than the visible joints and fissures which form inherent feature in the mother rock.

Implementation of the Decisions of Islamabad SAARC Summit

3311. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Government in pursuance of the decisions taken at the recent Islamabad SAARC Summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Government is actively engaged in discussions with other SAARC member countries, on the follow-up actions on the decisions of the Islamabad Summit.

Inquiry into the Collision of 2 BD Passenger and Down Howrah Goods Special 534 Train

3312. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report of the inquiry instituted into the collision of 2 Barwadih-Dehri-on-Sone passenger and down Howrah Goods Special 534 train on December 16th, 1988, has been submitted to Government;

(b) if so, what are its findings as to the causes of the collision and the extent of damage to life and property suffered; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those found responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accident occurred due to the failure of Railway Staff . In this accident, the Guard of the Goods train losts his life. Loss to Railway property has been estimated at Rs. 1,50,000|-.

(c) As a prelude to taking disciplinary action against the defaulting staff, they have been placed under suspension.

Ferry Service on the Ganga in Bihar

3313. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: **Will the Minister of SURFACE** TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the mishap on Maniharighat-Bhagalpur route last year, no ferry is plying on the Ganga;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central and State Ministers have time and again publicly announced that ferry service would be started soon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a ferry boat named Sangaritra is standing ready for operations; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the boat accident near Maniharighat of Katihar District in Bihar on 6-8-1988, with a view to see that the State Government ensures resumption of ferry services, the Central Government had coordinated with the State Government of Bihar for making available to them two barges stationed at Goa. The State Government of Bihar have, however, now indicated that they are taking steps to utilise this Ministry's vessel "Sagarika", which is already with State Government's Tourism Corporation, for runing ferry services.